GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>A B S T R A C T</u>

Public Servants – Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri G. Ramakrishna Prasad, Secretary in-charge, AMC, Vijayawada & Selection Grade Secretary and others for certain irregularities in collection of market fee and allowing irregular exemptions to the traders of Tamarind and Mangoes – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 403

Dated:16-04--2011
Read the following:-

- 1. Preliminary Enquiry Report dt.18-10-1997 of Sri K. Suryanarayana Raju, the then JDM(Vig.)
- 2. Govt.Memo No.13353/Vig.II(1)/2003-5, dt.21-05-2004.
- 3. GORt.No.1239, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II)Dept., dt.22-11-2004.
- From Sri G. Ramakrishna Prasad, Secretary in-charge, AMC, Vijayawada & Selection Grade Secretary, Written statement of defence dt.09-06-2005.
- 5. From C&DOAM, Hyd. Lr.No.DS(2)319/2003, dt.14-06-2010.

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ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of Government that certain staff at A.M.C. Vijayawada granted irregular exemptions to Tamarind and Mango Traders from 1981 onwards and sustained a loss of Rs.61.67 lakhs in respect of Tamarind and Rs.22.98 lakhs in respect of Mangoes. In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad was requested to initiate departmental action immediately against all the erring officials of the A.M.C. besides recovery of loss caused to Government, placing them under suspension. Accordingly, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad, being competent authority, had placed (6) employees of A.M.C., Vijayawada under suspension and also initiated departmental proceedings by framing articles of charges against them. Government had initiated disciplinary action against Sri G. Ramakrishna Prasad, Secretary in-charge, A.M.C., Vijayawada & Selection Grade Secretary vide reference 3rd read above.

- 2. The Charged Officer Sri G. Ramakrishna Prasad, Secretary in-charge, A.M.C., Vijayawada & Selection Grade Secretary has submitted his written statement of defence denying the charge framed against him and requested to drop further action against him.
- 3. In the reference 5th read above, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad has informed that the DCB Registers were available from 2003-04 to 2009-10 only and prior to that period, the DCB Registers were not traced out in spite of verification of old records and also informed that necessary disciplinary action be initiated against the custodian officers of the records.
- 4. Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, have observed that the irregularities reported to have been done in allowing exemptions to tamarind & mango traders during the periods / spells from 1982-94 were not proved, (a) since the inquiry officer has reported that the charges are held not proved, (b) there were no old records being maintained by the A.M.C. to estimate the turn over of loss as there were no assessment records pertaining the periods and (c) all the Charged Officers were retired from service and they worked during various periods and to attribute losses to each Charged Officer in each period cannot be established for want of assessment data. As such, Government have decided to drop further action against all Charged Officers including Sri G. Ramakrishna Prasad, Secretary in-charge, A.M.C., Vijayawada & Selection Grade Secretary(Retired).
- 5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri G. Ramakrishna Prasad, Secretary in-charge, A.M.C., Vijayawada & Selection Grade Secretary(Retired), in the above disciplinary case.

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6. The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K. R. KISHORE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri G. Ramakrishna Prasad, Secretary in-charge, A.M.C., Vijayawada & Selection Grade Secretary(Retired).

(Through: The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad)

Copy to:-

The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad. The Secretary, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad(C.No.1411/VC.I(2)/2003). SC/Sf.

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SECTION OFFICER